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Examiner: Diane D. Yabut

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file for the above-identified application. In accordance with USPTO practice, each section of this Response begins on a separate sheet. Applicant submits these amendments and remarks serve to clarify the present invention and are independent of patentability.